



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA ALERT

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HFD ESTABLISHES NETWORK OF DECON TASK FORCES *(PHOTO OP – TRAINING TO FOLLOW PRESS CONFERENCE)*

WHAT: Press Conference introducing the fire department's newest program to help protect the citizens of Houston.

WHEN: Today, September 7, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Fire Station 82
11250 Braesridge Drive at W. Bellfort
Key Map 570C

DETAILS: Fire Chief Phil Boriskie and members of the HFD Special Operations Team will announce the creation of HFD's new decontamination task forces and trailers placed strategically throughout the city.

These task forces will enable rapid deployment in the advent of an accidental or intentional release and possible exposure to hazardous materials.

The units are one of several projects supported by the Homeland Security Urban Initiative (UASI) Grant.